

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director of Communications

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DATE: 25 OCT 1973

FROM : Chief, Communications Engineering

SUBJECT: Quarterly Report (1 July - 30 September 1973)

1. Forwarded herewith is the Communications Engineering Quarterly Report for the first quarter of FY-1974. This period found us shaking down the new organization with many of the old Ames Building hands departing for their new job locations. The usual summer rotation underlaps caused some shortages in personnel but at this writing we are in good shape.

2. Listed below are some highlights reported during this quarter:

a. A schedule has now been established

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1974 and 10 March 1974 respectively. If all goes well, those nine stations formerly working via SKYLINK can resume this mode of communications, and those new stations installed since the 2 June failure can accomplish their initial activation.

b. The Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Cable Dissemination System has been mailed to eight vendors at the end of this quarter. The

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scheduled for October with receipt of formal proposals required by late November 1973.



c. Acceptance tests on the MAX-IA have been delayed due to hardware problems. The problems are in the LCU's and the line termination units. [REDACTED] engineers are hard at work in an effort to locate and rectify the problems.

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d. The Automatic Relay System (ARS) and the DATEX contracts with [REDACTED] are progressing well. Some delay was experienced with the DATEX program because of a [REDACTED] decision to consolidate all software development in Dallas, Texas from Newport Beach, California. About half of the people working on the DATEX program did not want to transfer and had to be replaced. [REDACTED] has added four additional programmers to the program at no cost to us to make up for the lost time so no long term delays are expected.

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